(a) whether the Union Government propose to adopt a mechanism for shortening the delay of various projects which are pending for clearance with various Ministries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). There is already a mechanism which is being followed for clearance of projects by such Ministries as Surface Transport, Commerce, Water Resources etc.

Ministry of Surface Transport has delegated powers to the Public Sector Undertakings who hare signed the MOUs with the Department. Ports have been delegated powers to the extent of Rs. 5 crores of taking investment decisions. For externally aided projects in the road sector, a procedure has also been adopted to approve proposals in consultation with the Finance Ministry without obtaining Cabinet approval. Ministry of Commerce has introduced the Working Group Mechanism to provide One Window Clearance. Ministry of Water Resources have revised their guidelines for submission approval and clearance of Irrigation Projects in February, 1990. All such measures are intended to expedite clearance of various projects in the concerned Ministries.

Licences for Setting up of Sugar Factories in Bihar

4428. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRSAD SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of licences issued for setting up of co-operative sugar factories in Bihar during the last three years, category-wise;

(b) whether financial institutions like RBI, IDBI and ICCI have refused to grant loans for the setting up of these factories stating that these factories are neither feasible nor viable;

(c) if so, whether any probe on the reasons for granting licences for these factories has been ordered;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) No Letter of Intent/Industrial Licence has been issued for setting up of a Cooperative sugar factory in Bihar during the last 3 years.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Prices of Bulk Drugs

4429. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government notify the prices of bulk drugs;

(b) whether the notified prices of bulk drugs has recently been changed;

(c) if so, the norms laid down for effecting such a change; and

(d) the period after which the corresponding change in drug-formulation get effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTIL-